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Letter dated 26 July 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1977 (2011), in paragraph 5 (a) of which the Council requested the Secretary-General to establish, in consultation with the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), a group of up to eight experts, acting under the direction and purview of the Committee, composed of individuals with appropriate experience and knowledge to provide the Committee with expertise, to assist the Committee in carrying out its mandate under resolutions 1540 (2004), 1673 (2006), 1810 (2008) and 1977 (2011), including through facilitation of assistance to improve implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

By resolution 2055 (2012), adopted on 29 June 2012, the Security Council emphasized the significantly increased workload of the Committee over the course of its mandate and requested the Secretary-General to increase the size of the group of experts referred to in paragraph 5 (a) of resolution 1977 (2011) to up to nine experts.

On 3 July 2012, the Committee informed the Secretariat that, after extensive consultations on its group of experts, the Committee had agreed on nine candidates and in this connection requested that the Secretary-General take the necessary measures to establish the group of experts in accordance with paragraph 5 (a) of resolution 1977 (2011) and resolution 2055 (2012).

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that after consultations with the Committee I have appointed the following individuals to the group of experts:

Ms. Xiaodong Lu (China)

Mr. Nicolas Kasprzyk (France)

Mr. Kai Kiessler (Germany)

Mr. Enrique Ochoa (Mexico)

Mr. Zawar Haider Abidi (Pakistan)

Mr. Petr Litavrin (Russian Federation)

Mr. Bennie Lombard (South Africa)

Mr. Terence Taylor (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Ms. Dana Perkins (United States of America)

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I have appointed Mr. Terence Taylor to serve as Coordinator of the group of experts.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon